

November 21, 2017

**Via Federal Express and Electronic Filing**

Mr. Scott S. Harris  
Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20543

**Re: No. 17-667, The Pioneer Centres Holding Company Stock Ownership Plan and Its Trustees,  
Robert Jensen and Susan Dukes v. Alerus Financial, N.A.**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to S. Ct. R. 15.3 and 30.4, Respondent Alerus Financial, N.A. respectfully moves for an extension of 60 days to respond to the petition for a writ of certiorari filed in this matter, to and including February 5, 2018. Absent an extension of time, Alerus's response would be due on December 6, 2017. Petitioners do not oppose this request.

On August 4, 2017, Petitioners Pioneer Centres Holding Company Stock Ownership Plan and Its Trustees, Robert Jensen and Susan Dukes, petitioned Justice Sotomayor for a 60-day extension of time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari. On August 10, 2017, Justice Sotomayor extended the time to file the petition to and including November 2, 2017.

During the period between November 2, 2017 and the current deadline, the counsel responsible for preparing the opposition have several briefs due in other matters, as well as the Thanksgiving holiday. Alerus also requests an extension in order to evaluate the potential impact of the issues presented throughout its business.

Therefore, to ensure that Respondent has an adequate opportunity to brief the issues raised by the petition and to gauge the effect of the petition on its business, Respondent respectfully requests a 60-day extension within which to file its response to the petition for a writ of certiorari, to and including February 5, 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions at (303) 892-7328.

Very truly yours,

s/Shannon Stevenson

Shannon Wells Stevenson